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Group Art Unit 1617

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AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.116

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Sir:

This is in response to an official action dated June 13, 2005, wherein the pending claims were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a), and the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting. The applicants respectfully traverse the outstanding action in view of the following amendment and remarks.